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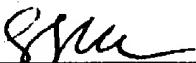
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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Yuta NAKAI, et al.

SERIAL NO: 09/897,988

FILED: July 5, 2001

FOR: METHOD FOR PRODUCING SUBSTANCE UTILIZING MICROORGANISM

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In response to the Office Action dated April 9, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.